

by an authorized person on behalf of the submitter, be filed with the Federal Reserve Bank to which the computer tender is submitted, and be renewed at least annually.

(b) *Intermediaries.* By forwarding a bid, an intermediary is deemed to have certified that it is in compliance with this part and the offering announcement governing the sale and issue of the security. Further, the intermediary is deemed to have certified that the information provided to a submitter or other intermediary with regard to bids for its own account is accurate and complete, and that the information provided to a submitter or other intermediary with regard to bids for customers accurately and completely reflects information provided to it by its customers or intermediaries.

(c) *Customers.* By bidding for a security, a customer is deemed to have certified that it is in compliance with this part and the offering announcement governing the sale and issue of the security and that the information it provided to the submitter or intermediary in connection with the bid is accurate and complete.

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**§ 356.17 Responsibility for payment.**

A bidder agrees to pay the settlement amount for any securities awarded to it in the auction. (See § 356.25.) In addition, certain payments or provisions for payment are required at the time a tender is submitted. The specific requirements, outlined in this section, depend on whether awarded securities will be delivered in TREASURY DIRECT or TRADES.

(a) *TREASURY DIRECT.* For securities to be held in TREASURY DIRECT, payment of the par amount and announced accrued interest and/or inflation adjustment, if any, must be submitted with the tender unless other provisions have been made, such as payment by an authorized electronic means providing for immediately available funds or by charge to the funds account of a depository institution.

(1) *Payment with tender.* For bills, payment must be by cash, depository institution (cashier's or teller's) check, certified check, currently dated Treas-

ury or fiscal agency check made payable to the bidder, or definitive Treasury securities maturing on or before the issue date of the securities being auctioned, but which are not overdue as defined in the general regulations governing United States securities (31 CFR 306.25). Also, maturing securities held in TREASURY DIRECT may be used as payment for new securities that are being offered, provided that the appropriate transaction request is received timely. For notes or bonds, payment must be in one of the forms described above for bills, or by personal check. Checks submitted to a Federal Reserve Bank must be made payable to that Bank and checks submitted to the Bureau of the Public Debt must be made payable to the Bureau of the Public Debt.

(2) *Payment by authorized electronic means.* Payment may be made by electronic means approved by the Department, provided the bidder, or the submitter on behalf of the bidder, has met the necessary conditions and has satisfactorily completed any required authorizations for such means of payment, in accordance with 31 CFR part 370.

(3) *Authorized charge to a funds account.* If a depository institution or dealer submits a tender for a TREASURY DIRECT bidder and payment is not submitted with the tender or made by an authorized electronic means, an authorization from a depository institution to charge the institution's funds account at a Federal Reserve Bank must be on file with the Bank to which the tender was submitted.

(b) *TRADES.* For securities to be held in TRADES, payment of the par amount and announced accrued interest and/or inflation adjustment, if any, must be submitted with the tender unless other provisions have been made, such as payment by an authorized electronic means providing for immediately available funds or by charge to the funds account of a depository institution.

(1) *Payment with tender.* Where payment is submitted with the tender, payment must be by one of the means specified under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(2) *Payment by authorized electronic means.* Payment may be made by electronic means approved by the Department, provided the bidder, or the submitter on behalf of the bidder, has met the necessary conditions, and has satisfactorily completed any required authorizations, for such means of payment.

(3) *Authorized charge to a funds account.* Where payment is not submitted with the tender or made by an authorized electronic means, an authorization to charge the funds account of a depository institution must be provided as follows:

(i) A depository institution with a funds account submitting tenders directly to a Federal Reserve Bank may authorize the Bank to charge its funds account upon delivery of the securities.

(ii) A submitter that chooses not to pay by charge to its funds account or a submitter that does not have a funds account must, prior to the submission of a tender, have an acknowledged autocharge agreement on file at the Federal Reserve Bank to which the tender is submitted. By submitting a tender for securities to be paid for under such autocharge agreement, the submitter authorizes the Federal Reserve Bank to provide, to the depository institution whose funds account will be charged under the agreement, notice of the total par amount of, and price to be charged for, securities awarded as a result of the submitter's tender.

(iii) In addition, a submitter that is a member of a clearing corporation may instruct that delivery and payment be made through the clearing corporation for securities awarded to the submitter for its own account, provided that the following requirements are met:

(A) The submitter must, prior to the submission of a tender for such securities, have a delivery and payment agreement with the clearing corporation acknowledged by, and on file at, the Federal Reserve Bank to which the tender is submitted. By entering into such an agreement, the submitter authorizes the Federal Reserve Bank to provide to the clearing corporation notice of the par amounts of, prices to be charged for, and total payment

amounts for, securities awarded to the submitter for its own account.

(B) An autocharge agreement between the clearing corporation and the depository institution must, prior to the submission of a tender for such securities, be acknowledged by, and on file at, the Federal Reserve Bank servicing the depository institution. By entering into such an agreement, the clearing corporation authorizes the Federal Reserve Bank to which the tender is submitted to provide, to the depository institution whose funds account will be charged under the agreement, notice of the total aggregate par amount of, prices to be charged for, and total payment amounts for, securities to be delivered to the clearing corporation's designated account at the depository institution.

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### Subpart C—Determination of Auction Awards; Settlement

#### § 356.20 Determination of auction awards.

(a) *Determining the range and amount of accepted competitive bids—(1) Accepting bids.* Determinations of awards in auctions are made after the closing time for receipt of bids. In determining auction awards, all noncompetitive bids received by the closing time specified in the offering announcement are accepted in full. Then competitive bids are accepted, starting with those at the lowest yields or discount rates through successively higher yields or discount rates, up to the amount required to meet the offering amount. Bids at the highest accepted yield or discount rate will be prorated (as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section), if necessary. If the amount of noncompetitive bids would absorb most or all of the offering amount, competitive bids will be accepted in an amount determined by Treasury to be sufficient to provide a fair determination of the yield or discount rate for the securities being auctioned.

(2) *Accepting bids at the high yield or discount rate.* When the total amount of